From: Harvey, Chris <wharvey@sos.ga.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 9, 2016 12:31 PM

**To:** Eveler, Janine

**Subject:** RE: Driver license scans

Thanks. I was getting this second-hand from DDS, so I don't know what else you could have done unless the voter showed up at a polling place again.

**Thanks** 

**Chris Harvey** 

Elections Director, Georgia Secretary of State

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**From:** Eveler, Janine [mailto:Janine.Eveler@cobbcounty.org]

Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2016 10:44 AM

To: Harvey, Chris <wharvey@sos.ga.gov>

Subject: RE: Driver license scans

Chris,

I couldn't do anything with this. That voter doesn't appear in the State system and the address given is not a polling place, just an early voting location.

Our practice is always to scan first and then use the manual method if the scan fails. I don't know what else to tell you on this item.

## Janine Eveler

Director, Cobb County Elections & Registration 770-528-2312 770-528-2519 Fax 404-797-5922 Cell

Register...then Vote!

From: Harvey, Chris [mailto:wharvey@sos.ga.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2016 2:01 PM

To: Eveler, Janine

**Subject:** RE: Driver license scans

That's what they told DDS who related it to me.

One of the voters was named Godwin Dumakor, if that helps.

I told DDS that any voter had to return to their county and if necessary and appropriate, cast a provisional ballot as their circumstances necessitated.



# Chris Harvey Elections Director, Georgia Secretary of State

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From: Eveler, Janine [mailto:Janine.Eveler@cobbcounty.org]

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 08, 2016 11:39 AM **To:** Harvey, Chris < <u>wharvey@sos.ga.gov</u>>

Subject: RE: Driver license scans

Chris,

That address is our main office and is not a poll on election day.

## Janine Eveler

Director, Cobb County Elections & Registration 770-528-2312 770-528-2519 Fax 404-797-5922 Cell

Register...then Vote!

From: Harvey, Chris [mailto:wharvey@sos.ga.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2016 11:25 AM

To: Eveler, Janine

Subject: Driver license scans

Janine,

I just got off the phone with DDS who said that 4 voters had been turned away from a polling place at **736 Whitlock Ave in Marietta** because their barcode on their licenses scanned and came back to other voters.

The voter should still be able to be found in ExpressPoll using the information on the front of the license and allowed to vote, correct (or at least a provisional ballot).

Chris Harvey
Elections Director, Georgia Secretary of State

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From: Chris Harvey <notifications@sos.ga.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 2:58 PM

**To:** Eveler, Janine

**Subject:** 1.12.17 Election Update

**Attachments:** 2017 List Maintenance Goals.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Please review the attached Election Update. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact your Liaison.

Thanks,









### **Welcome Back!**

I hope everyone had a peaceful and restorative Holiday Season and is ready to dive back into the wonderful world of elections!

### **Voter Registrations on Dashboards**

After the flood of voter registration applications in the lead up to the election last year, we are currently looking at approximately 240,000 pending voter registration applications on dashboards across the state. With the likelihood of special elections as appointments and resignations occur, we don't want to see anyone get caught flat-footed with a mountain of pending voter registration applications.

### **List Maintenance is a Priority for 2017**

We are currently finalizing plans for regular list maintenance programs that will be happening in the first six months of this year. We will give specific details and dates as these events draw near, but here is a preview of what we plan to do. Each step builds on the previous one and is designed to minimize the cost and effort in mailings as much as possible.

- 1. Run the Duplicates Program in ENET to allow everyone to clean up their duplicates
- 2. Run NCOA (O.C.G.A. § 21-2-233)
- 3. Run No Contact (O.C.G.A. § 21-2-234)

### **Notification of Out of State Registration**

For 2017, we are returning to the practice of forwarding notices of "Out of State Registrations" directly to each county registrar. For example, when we get a list of 10 people who have registered to vote in North Carolina, we will identify the counties these 10 people are registered in and send each of those counties a copy of the notice so the registrars can perform appropriate updates to their status.

## No Activity in Two General Elections Update

I know there is interest in the scheduling of the "NOACT/2GE" process. Due to current litigation, we do not have an update or timeline for this process. I will let you know when anything changes.

From: Chris Harvey <notifications@sos.ga.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 12:33 PM

**To:** Eveler, Janine

**Subject:** 1.24.17 Election Update

**Attachments:** Duplicate Voter Process Resuming in ENET.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Please review the attached Election Update. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact your Liaison.

Thanks,









### **Duplicate Voters in ENET**

Tonight, the duplicate process will be turned back on in ElectioNet. The process has been turned off for some time, so we wanted to send a brief reminder about how this process works.

The duplicate process will scan the voter file in each county for potential duplicate records using 4 separate search criteria. All records found that meet this criteria will be placed on the county dashboard for you to review tomorrow morning. Please review these matches carefully to ensure that they are indeed true matches before merging any records.

<u>Identification</u> by this process does not *quarantee* that all of the results will be true matches.

This process simply indicates that the search criteria was met. Only combine 2 records if you are confident that they both represent the same voter. Data entry errors could make two completely different voters appear to be the same voter.

Please be extra careful when processing duplicate records that would result in transferring a voter from another county to your county. We encourage you to reach out to your peers to notify them that you will be transferring a voter from their county and to ensure that the two records are for the same voter. All merges can be undone, but double checking before designating two records as duplicates will help minimize errors.

If you have any questions concerning the duplicate process or encounter any issues while reviewing these matches, please contact your Liaison. If no issues are discovered, this process will run once a month going forward.

From: Chris Harvey <notifications@sos.ga.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 9:02 AM

**To:** Eveler, Janine

**Subject:** 1.26.17 Election Update

**Attachments:** Election Update-update mailing address for NCOA 01-25-17.pdf

Good Morning,

Please review the attached Election Update. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact your Liaison.

Thanks,









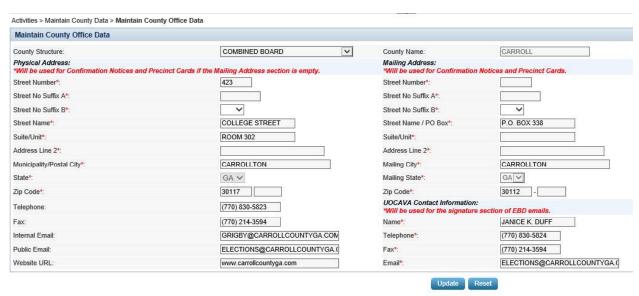
## **Confirmation Notice Contact Information**

To prepare for the upcoming National Change of Address list maintenance process, the Secretary of State's Office would like to ask each county office to examine the contact information in eNet under Activities > Maintain County Data > Maintain County Office Data.

This is the return address information which will be printed on your confirmation notices.

The system defaults to print the mailing address section from this page. If the mailing address section is empty, the system will print the physical address information on the confirmation notices. The telephone number on the front of the confirmation notice will also come from the "Telephone" field on this page.

Please take a minute to check this information and update anything that has changed as soon as possible.



From: Chris Harvey <notifications@sos.ga.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 10:05 AM

To:Eveler, JanineSubject:2.15.17 OEB

**Attachments:** OEB 02-15-17 Kansas Cross Check OEB to counties.pdf

Good Morning,

Please review the attached OEB. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact your Liaison.

Thanks,







### OFFICIAL ELECTION BULLETIN

February 15, 2017

**TO:** County Election Officials and County Registrars

FROM: Chris Harvey, Elections Division Director

**RE:** Kansas Cross-Check Inquiries Coming to the Counties

Since 2013, Georgia has participated as a member of a voter registration cross-check program known as "The Kansas Cross-Check." The goal of this program was to identify voters who might be registered to vote in more than one state and improve the accuracy of voter lists of those states participating in the program. One of the ways of achieving this end is to compare names of people who might be registered in more than one state. As you are aware, there is no single centralized voter registration system that automatically removes a voter from Georgia if they move unannounced to Florida and then register there, or vice-versa.

With large database comparisons, the differences are in the details, and "matches" must be verified and confirmed responsibly and legally before removing a voter from the elector's list.

In the past, Georgia has supplied its voter list to the program and let other states use the data to examine their lists. Now, Georgia is taking a more active role in this process. Going forward, County election/registration office contact information will be provided to out-of-state election officials who are requesting additional voter information on a specific voter believed to be registered in Georgia.

### **What This Means for the Counties**

States have previously requested information from our office that we are simply unable to provide (signatures on absentee ballot application, voter registration applications, other correspondence, etc.) You may get requests from other states for voter information including the information mentioned above. Your response to these inquires is to be made at your discretion. It is our stance that original voter registration applications are not subject to disclosure under the restrictions of O.C.G.A. § 21-2-225(a). I urge you to use secure means to transmit any Personal Identifying Information (PII) if you do respond to these inquires.



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### What this Doesn't Mean for the Counties

Notifications from another state that they might have a matching voter registration alone is NOT sufficient grounds to remove a voter from the elector list in Georgia. For example, if a person registered in Florida in 2000, and then moved to Georgia and registered to vote in DeKalb County in 2003, and has stayed properly registered in DeKalb County, the fact that the person was never removed from the electors list in Florida is NOT reason to now remove the person from DeKalb County registration even though Florida indicates that there might be a match. Because the Georgia registration came after the Florida registration, Florida may determine that they need to take action with the voter, but that is their prerogative.

If, on the other hand, Gwinnett County gets notice (and confirms!) that one of their voters has registered in Florida two years after they last registered in Gwinnett County, Gwinnett County may decide to hold a hearing or attempt to contact the voter to determine if they are still a Gwinnett County voter. Gwinnett County would still have the responsibility to make sure it met all requirements before removing a voter from the electors list. All of these decisions are still the responsibility of the county in determining whether a voter is still eligible to remain on the list of electors.

If you have questions about inquiries from other states or sources, feel free to contact our office for any clarification we can provide.



From: Chris Harvey <notifications@sos.ga.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 3:40 PM

**To:** Eveler, Janine **Subject:** 2.23.17 OEB

**Attachments:** Verification OEB FINAL.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Please review the attached OEB. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact your Liaison.

Thanks,







### OFFICIAL ELECTION BULLETIN

February 23, 2017

**TO:** County Election Officials and County Registrars

FROM: Chris Harvey, Elections Division Director

**RE:** Updated Pending Voters Action

#### **Update to Pending Voter Registration Processing**

A lawsuit has ended regarding the issue of the handling of voter registration applications that fail to verify with Division of Driver Services (DDS) and Social Security Administration (SSA). Prior to the lawsuit, when a voter registration failed to verify with DDS/SSA, a letter was generated by ENET and mailed to the applicant. If the applicant did not respond to the letter within 40 days, the application was rejected and the voter registration status in ENET was changed to cancelled.

Going forward, as required under the lawsuit, voter registration applications that fail verification will remain in pending status without a time limit. We have updated the failed verification letters generated in ENET to reflect these changes. Please make sure failed verification letters sent to voter applicants are substantively the same as the letter generated in ENET.

A voter in "pending" status can immediately update their status to "active" by providing appropriate verification documentation at your office or at any polling place.

Also pursuant to the lawsuit, we are sending two groups of voter registration applications back through the verification process so that they can be sent the updated failed verification letter. The first group are voter registrations in cancelled status since October 1, 2013 that were cancelled for failing to verify with DDS/SSA. This group is estimated to be about 4,000 voter registrations.

The second group are voter registrations that were already in pending status when the 40 day clock was stopped at the end of September 2016, and who were sent the old failed verification letter. That group is estimated to be about 11,000 voter registrations.

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These registrations will be sent back through the verification process later this week, and only those that fail to verify will appear on your dashboards to be timely processed and mailed failed verification letters.

Finally, going forward, please mail failed verification letters within seven (7) business days of the registration application being processed.

I appreciate your cooperation with this updated procedure.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions.



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From: Chris Harvey <notifications@sos.ga.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 10:24 AM

**To:** Eveler, Janine

**Subject:** 3.1.17 Election Update

**Attachments:** pending verifications processing 02-28-2017 REDLINE.pdf

Good Morning,

Please review the attached Election Update. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact your Liaison.

Thanks,









## Pending Voters Run Through Verification and New Letters are Available

As I notified everyone in the OEB on 02-23-2017 about the need to run some pending voters through verification again and to update our letters, I am letting you know that this process happened overnight.

The applicants who again failed to verify with DDS are on your dashboards, and the *new* letters will be generated as you work through the dashboard. These new letters were required as part of the lawsuit. It may take a few days for responses to be returned from SSA and appear on your dashboard.

Copies of the three new letters are available on Firefly under "Official Election Bulletins."

The new letters have a generic letterhead that we hope will inspire more response from recipients.

As always, if you have questions, please contact your county liaison.

From: Chris Harvey <notifications@sos.ga.gov>

**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2017 2:07 PM

**To:** Eveler, Janine

**Subject:** 5.5.17 Election Update

**Attachments:** reopening registration 05-05-2017.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Please review the attached Election Update. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact your Liaison.

Thanks,









## Reopening Voter Registration in 6th Congressional District

On May 4, 2017, Judge Batten ordered that voter registration for eligible voters in Georgia's 6th Congressional District (making up portions of Cobb, DeKalb, and Fulton counties) be extended until May 21, 2017.

As a result of this order, Cobb, DeKalb, and Fulton counties have begun processing voter registration applications and absentee ballot applications from voters in the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District that were received after the previously established deadline of March 20, 2017.

The situation is complicated by a runoff in State Senate District 32 (Cobb and Fulton counties only) that will take place on May 16, 2017. Judge Batten's order did <u>not</u> affect the runoff in State Senate District 32 voter registration deadline or election.

Here is a brief schedule of events for these elections:

March 20, 2017	Voter registration deadline for State Senate District 32 Runoff (Cobb and Fulton)
May 16, 2017	Runoff election for State Senate District 32
May 21, 2017	<i>New</i> voter registration deadline for 6 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District (Cobb, DeKalb, and Fulton)
May 22, 2017	Certification deadline for Senate 32 Runoff
May 30, 2017	Advance voting begins for 6 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District Race
June 20, 2017	Runoff election for 6 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District
June 26, 2017	Certification Deadline for 6 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District

#### Transferring and Not Transferring Voters

Hold all applications for SD32 Counties (Cobb & Fulton) until May 22, 2017 (certification deadline for SD 32.)

After May 22, 2017, all counties can process applications with a registration date of May 21, 2017 or earlier from Cobb, DeKalb, and Fulton counties.

All applications with a registration date of 5/22/17 or later in Fulton, Cobb, and DeKalb should be held until after certification of the US HD 6 runoff election.

From: Firefly <DoNotReply@sos.ga.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 12:26 PM

To: DoNotReply@sos.ga.gov

**Subject:** NCOA (National Change of Address) Process

A new discussion has been posted in The Buzz by Harvey, Chris on 6/14/2017 11:51:44 AM

We will be executing the NCOA Process after the conclusion of the special federal election next week.

Detailed instruction will be put on Firefly under "Official Communications" later this week, but our goal is to have all notices shipped to each county by the end of next week (June 23, 2017.)

Please contact your liaison if you have questions about this.

**Chris Harvey** 



From: Firefly <DoNotReply@sos.ga.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 4:31 PM
To: DoNotReply@sos.ga.gov

**Subject:** NCOA Notices mailing instructions

A new discussion has been posted in The Buzz by Harvey, Chris on 6/23/2017 4:04:04 PM

Everyone should get all of their NCOA (National Change of Address) notices by Monday, June 26, 2017.

Please do not mail the notices out until Friday, June 30, 2017.

Holly's updated instructions for NCOA can be found in the "Official Communications" section of Firefly, but feel free to contact your liaison if you have questions.

**Chris Harvey** 



From: Chris Harvey <notifications@sos.ga.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 11:01 AM

**To:** Eveler, Janine **Subject:** 6.28.17 OEB

**Attachments:** OEB - DCS felon reporting changes.pdf

Good Morning,

Please review the attached OEB. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact your Liaison.

Thanks,







### OFFICIAL ELECTION BULLETIN

June 28, 2017

TO: County Election Officials and County Registrars

FROM: Chris Harvey, Elections Division Director

**RE:** Felon Reporting Changes

Information concerning Probationers and Parolees serving felony sentences, and who are thus ineligible to register to vote or to cast a vote, was recently transferred from the Department of Corrections (DOC) to the Department of Community Supervision (DCS).

Because of this transfer of responsibility, we have had to establish a relationship with this new agency to continue to receive data concerning these individuals. The Secretary of State's office is taking this opportunity to pursue the dual goals of improving the felon identification process and increasing the protection of voter data.

In pursuit of these goals, we have updated the comparison criteria, added new comparison criteria, and scaled back the use of Social Security Number (SSN) to only the last four digits.

This morning you should see a set of potential matches on your dashboard using this updated match process. Please let us know if you notice any irregularities or have any questions.

If you have questions about inquiries from other states or sources, feel free to contact our office for any clarification we can provide.



From: Chris Harvey <notifications@sos.ga.gov>

**Sent:** Friday, July 7, 2017 9:58 AM

**To:** Eveler, Janine

**Subject:** 7.7.17 Election Update **Attachments:** NCOA Update 07-07-17.pdf

Good Morning,

Please review the attached Election Update. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact your Liaison.

Thanks,









## **NCOA Update and Questions**

Our office has received a number of calls this week concerning the NCOA Confirmation Notice process. As you know, Federal law prevents list maintenance from taking place 90 days prior to a Federal Election. The 2017 NCOA process was interrupted by the Federal Special Election for United States Representative of District 6. This caused the time period between when the comparison process was run with the US Postal Service and when the NCOA confirmation notices were mailed to voters to be greater than normal.

The number of records that could have been updated since the confirmation notices were generated is higher than normal. A guide outlining how to process the NCOA notices has been posted on Firefly under Official Communications > NCOA 2017 > NCOA Confirmation Notices. This guide offers step by step instructions on what to do in a number of different scenarios. Additional questions have come up that are not covered in this guide, and we have provided answers to them below:

Question: What will happen to a voter record if the confirmation notice is not returned, but the voter has updated their address with your office through another method (DDS Application, OLVR, or Physical Application)? Will they still be moved into inactive status if they do not respond to the confirmation notice?

Answer: No, they will remain in Active status. Any updates to their record submitted by the voter between the time that the NCOA process has begun and the expiration of the 40 day clock will prevent the system process that moves voters from Active to Inactive status. Any record with a contact date greater than 3/2/17 will not be affected by the NCOA process. The 40 clock started on 6/30/17 and will expire 8/9/17.

Question: What if I receive an NCOA notice back from the post office and it is marked undeliverable but the voter has updated the address on their voter registration in the time between when the confirmation notice was generated and when they were mailed?

Answer: Any confirmation notice that is entered into eNet under Activities > Elector List Maintenance > Scan Confirmation Notices with the "Returned Undeliverable" designation will instantly be moved into Inactive status with the reason of Returned Mail. There will not be an automatic check to ensure that this voter has not made contact with your office in the period between when the process was started and the time you receive this confirmation notices. For this reason, it is considered a best practice to review all confirmation notice that come back to your office with a designation indicating that they were undeliverable. If they have changed their address with your office in the time between when the confirmation notices were generated and the time you received the confirmation notice back undeliverable, you should not enter them as returned mail. No further action on their record will be required.

Please take extra care when processing notices that are returned undeliverable to your office.

From: Chris Harvey <notifications@sos.ga.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2017 9:11 AM

**To:** Eveler, Janine

**Subject:** 7.31.17 Election Update

Attachments: NGE 2017.pdf

Good Morning,

Please review the attached Election Update. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact your Liaison.

Thanks,





From: Firefly <DoNotReply@sos.ga.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 9:41 AM
To: DoNotReply@sos.ga.gov

**Subject:** No Activity in 2 General Election Cycles Process Run

A new discussion has been posted in The Buzz by Harvey, Chris on 7/31/2017 9:06:53 AM

On Friday, July 28, 2017, we completed the process as outlined in O.C.G.A. 21-2-235 to update inactive voters who met the qualifications in the code to "cancelled" status.

Holly is posting an Election Update to Firefly. In this update, you will see the instructions for reviewing your list of voters.

If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to your liaisons.

**Chris Harvey** 







## **No Activity for 2 General Elections**

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-235, the No Activity for 2 General Elections process was run in ENET on Friday, July 28, 2017.

These records are available on your dashboards today.

Instructions for viewing a list of voters in your county whose status was updated to "Cancelled" as a result of this process are below.

- To view the list of voters who were cancelled for reason of "NGE," navigate to the dashboard in eNet.
- Click on the "Review" button next to Cancelled Voters



• Click on the "Review" button next to Cancelled/Duplicate, Rejected Voters



• Select a 'start date' AND 'end date' of July 28, 2017 which is the day the NGE process ran and click on "Get Cancelled Voters."



• A list of ALL voters cancelled for the reason "No Activity For 2 General Elections" will appear.

Cancelled Date	Status with Reason
07/17/2017	CANCELLED NO ACTIVITY FOR 2 GENERAL ELECTION CYCLES
07/17/2017	CANCELLED NO ACTIVITY FOR 2 GENERAL ELECTION CYCLES
07/17/2017	CANCELLED NO ACTIVITY FOR 2 GENERAL ELECTION CYCLES
07/17/2017	CANCELLED NO ACTIVITY FOR 2 GENERAL ELECTION CYCLES
07/17/2017	CANCELLED NO ACTIVITY FOR 2 GENERAL ELECTION CYCLES
	CANCELLED

• In order to print the list of cancelled voters for the reason No Activity for 2 General Elections, click "Export to Excel" located at the bottom to export the data to an excel file and print out the information.



As provided in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-236(c), *All records concerning list maintenance activities under Code*Sections 21-2-233 and 21-2-234 shall be maintained for a period of two years and shall be available for public inspection and copying, except to the extent that such records relate to a declination to register to vote or to the identity of a voter registration agency through which any particular elector is registered.

Such records shall contain the name and address of all electors to whom confirmation notices are sent and information concerning whether each such elector has responded to such notice. Move the voter registration cards of the voters cancelled for NGE to your cancelled files and retain for 2 years. Any further questions feel free to call your Liaison.

**From:** Chris Harvey <notifications@sos.ga.gov>

**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2017 4:09 PM

**To:** Eveler, Janine **Subject:** 8.18.17 OEBs

**Attachments:** OEB - 8-18-17 NVRA and cancellations for address changes FINAL.pdf; OEB - 8-18-18

NCOA Changes FINAL.PDF

Good Afternoon,

Please review the attached OEBs. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact your Liaison.

Thanks,







### OFFICIAL ELECTION BULLETIN

August 18, 2017

TO: County Election Officials and County Registrars

FROM: Chris Harvey, Elections Division Director

**RE:** NVRA and Change of Residency Challenges

The National Voting Registration Act (52 U.S.C. § 20507(d)) limits when a jurisdiction can remove an elector from the voter rolls due to moving outside of the jurisdiction or due to a change of address. The statute prohibits removal unless:

- 1. There is written confirmation of the change in residency by the elector; or
- 2. The NVRA Confirmation Notice Process (NOACT2GE), described in 52 U.S.C. § 20507(d)(2), is followed.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-228 allows county boards of registration to conduct hearings in order to determine the qualification of electors. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-229 allows electors of the county or municipality to challenge, in writing, the qualifications of any elector who appears on the list of electors. These challenge hearings for qualifications cannot, however, result in a voter being *removed from the list of electors* for any change of address. The NVRA does not prohibit removing an elector from the list of electors for other disqualifications such as citizenship, felony sentence, judicially declared mental incompetence, or insufficient age.

Options for Counties with Knowledge of a Change of Address: If a county has reason to believe a person has changed their address and hasn't updated their voter registration record, it is reasonable for the county to mail the elector a letter at their registered address to let the elector know that the county believes the elector may have moved and for the elector to provide a current address. Usually, the more specific you can be in the letter the better. There can be no consequence if the elector does not respond to the letter as none is provided by law. If the elector completes and returns the letter with a new address, the county now has written confirmation of a change in residency that it can act upon consistent with NVRA. However, if the letter is returned undeliverable, this would begin the "returned mail" list maintenance process and a confirmation notice would be issued to the elector. Because state law specifies instances when confirmation notices are to be sent, a county should not send a confirmation notice outside of the instances in state law (Returned Mail, NCOA, No Contact). Further, there is no current mechanism in eNet for a county to cause a confirmation notice to be printed by the print vendor outside

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of those 3 list maintenance processes. If the elector then fails to respond to the confirmation notice as required by law, the elector's status will then become "Inactive."

#### **National Voter Registration Act Citation**

52 U.S.C. § 20507(d) Removal of names from voting rolls.

- (1) A State shall not remove the name of a registrant from the official list of eligible voters in elections for Federal office on the ground that the registrant has changed residence unless the registrant--
  - (A) confirms in writing that the registrant has changed residence to a place outside the registrar's jurisdiction in which the registrant is registered; or
  - (B) (i) has failed to respond to a notice described in paragraph (2); and
  - (ii) has not voted or appeared to vote (and, if necessary, correct the registrar's record of the registrant's address) in an election during the period beginning on the date of the notice and ending on the day after the date of the second general election for Federal office that occurs after the date of the notice.

I encourage you to review this information with your boards and county attorneys and to make sure that any cancellation of voters from the electors lists, or change in status to inactive, is done in compliance with this federal law. I also encourage you to share this information with any municipalities within your county as they prepare for municipal elections in November.





### OFFICIAL ELECTION BULLETIN

August 18, 2017

**TO:** County Election Officials and County Registrars

FROM: Chris Harvey, Elections Division Director

**RE:** NCOA Changes in ENET

The National Change of Address (NCOA) comparison process, which is governed by O.C.G.A. § 21-2-233, was completed last month. Our office has recently implemented some changes that impacted a portion of the voter registration records that were sent NCOA notices.

Voters whose United States Postal Service NCOA information indicated that they changed addresses within the same county have been set to "Active" status, including those records that had their status initially changed to "Inactive" by virtue of your office receiving the NCOA notice back as undeliverable and processing the returned mail. However, if these voters responded to the NCOA notice with updated information such as address updates, name changes, transfers, etc., then all of those changes entered by your office into ENET will remain.

Voters whose USPS NCOA information indicated that they moved to a different county or state and were sent a confirmation notice have not been affected by these changes.



From: Firefly <DoNotReply@sos.ga.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 4:56 PM

To: DoNotReply@sos.ga.gov
Subject: Felon Probationers and Parolees

A new discussion has been posted in The Buzz by Harvey, Chris on 9/28/2017 4:22:14 PM

#### In 2016, the

management of probationers and parolees was transferred from the Department of Corrections to the Department of Community Supervision (DCS). During this transition, our ability to receive information concerning probationers and parolees was temporarily interrupted. We have worked with DCS to reestablish this data transfer system. A supplemental felon compare process will be run tonight in eNet and the results will be viewable on the dashboard. The number of positive matches may seem larger than normal because of this interruption. Please review these potential matches as soon as you are able.

#### **Chris Harvey**



From: Firefly <DoNotReply@sos.ga.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 12:12 PM

**To:** DoNotReply@sos.ga.gov

**Subject:** RECALLING Felon Probationers and Parolees UPDATE

A new discussion has been posted in The Buzz by Harvey, Chris on 9/29/2017 11:43:10 AM

We are recalling the felon matches that appeared on your dashboard this morning.

Some files contained First Offenders and First Offenders are <u>not</u> restricted from registering to vote and voting.

We will let you know when we are ready to reproduce the files for your evaluation and comparison.

If you have questions, please call our office.

**Chris Harvey** 



From: Firefly <DoNotReply@sos.ga.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2017 3:11 PM

To:DoNotReply@sos.ga.govSubject:Felon Match Process Running

A new discussion has been posted in The Buzz by Harvey, Chris on 10/5/2017 2:38:51 PM

The Felon Matching Process from the Department of Community Supervision will be rerun this evening.

The Department of Community Supervision handles felons on probation and parole, while the Department of Corrections handles incarcerated Felons.

We have had the Dept. of Community Supervision confirm that no First Offenders should appear on these lists. Tomorrow morning, you should see similar numbers of felons compared to what you saw last Friday.

You may process these felon matches.

If you have questions about this, please contact our office directly.

Chris Harvey, Secretary of State's Office



From: Firefly <DoNotReply@sos.ga.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 9:42 AM

**To:** DoNotReply@sos.ga.gov

**Subject:** Felon Match Process UPDATE--Please Wait to Continue Processing

A new discussion has been posted in The Buzz by Harvey, Chris on 10/10/2017 9:08:13 AM

I am asking that you stop processing felon matches until we can confirm and answer a few questions raised by some counties about felony status .

Late Friday afternoon, I received a few calls from a few counties regarding their new felon lists (some believed some felony sentences had expired and some believed they had some matches for individuals that were in a separate category other than First Offender that would make the individuals eligible for voting and voter registration purposes.) Some counties apparently got some conflicting information when they checked with their county probation offices, however, it is also possible for one person to be serving multiple felony sentences in different jurisdictions.

We spoke with someone from Community Supervision who believes the list is accurate, but out of an abundance of caution, I am asking that you simply stop processing felon matches until we can confirm what the data shows regarding various sentences.

I will communicate any new details to you as soon as we are able to get answers to these questions.

If you have identified any individuals who you believe should not be on the list, please send those details to your liaison.

Again, please stop processing these felon matches until we can answer some of these questions.

Chris Harvey



From: Firefly <DoNotReply@sos.ga.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 12:07 PM

**To:** DoNotReply@sos.ga.gov

**Subject:** Dept. of Community Supervision Felon Probationers and Parolees UPDATE

A new discussion has been posted in The Buzz by Harvey, Chris on 10/11/2017 11:40:40 AM

We are pulling back the list of Dept. of Community Supervision felons (probationers and parolees) from your dashboards.

The Department of Correction felons will still be on your dashboards.

We are working to refine this list, and will let any county know if there are corrections that need to me made once our review is complete.

I will provide more details as this process moves forward.

Please contact our office if you have questions.

Chris Harvey

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From: GA Secretary of State Elections Division <notifications@sos.ga.gov>

Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 2:57 PM

**To:** Eveler, Janine

**Subject:** Counties NOT Holding Elections in November **Attachments:** Transferring voters after reg deadline 10-17.pdf

Attached is an Election Update listing the few counties that are NOT holding elections in November. This list should help prevent improper transfer of voters from counties holding elections. Keep in mind that transfers before the voter registration deadline (10-10-17) can still be processed.

Please call you county liaison if you have questions.

**Chris Harvey** 









# **Transferring Voters**

# **Counties NOT Having Elections in November 2017**

Normally, I list the counties involved in Special Elections for the purpose of know which counties NOT to transfer voters from.

However, this November, the vast majority of counties DO have elections within their counties, so it is more efficient to list the counties NOT having elections in order to let you know from where you CAN transfer voters.

The following counties DO NOT have elections occurring in November, and therefore, voters may be transferred from them.

Please keep in mind that contact dates prior to the registration deadline (October 10, 2017) may still be processed.

We will let you know when credit for voting has been given and what jurisdictions end up with runoff elections.

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#### Subject:

#### Cancelled Felons Update

Election and Registration Officials,

I want to bring you additional information on the Felons removed from your dashboards this week.

As I mentioned in the Buzz Post, we learned that there were some individuals on the list we received from the Department of Community Supervision last Friday that were under a modified sentence status of Conditional Discharge which is similar to that of a First Offender, and therefore should not have been identified as a felon serving a sentence for voter registration and voting purposes. It was our understanding that no one on the list we used had this designation.

We have identified the voters who were in that Conditional Discharge status and will have each of those voters (and only those voters) restored to whatever their status was before you cancelled them as a result of them being on your dashboards as apparent felons. This restoration will be completed this weekend before the polls open Monday morning for advanced voting.

Any other identified felon that appeared on your dashboard that was cancelled will remain cancelled.

If you took no action on felons before we pulled the list back, you need not do anything.

We will provide to each county, a list of all the Conditional Discharge voters who were cancelled and restored.

The county liaisons are currently checking with the counties who cancelled these Conditional Discharge voters to find out which counties sent mail to these cancelled voters.

We will need to make arrangements with counties that need to send new notices to these cancelled and restored Conditional Discharge voters to let them know their voter registrations have been restored.

We are working with the Department of Community Supervision to make sure that the lists they send us meet all of our requirements before we place another list in ENET.

I will keep you updated as this process continues.

Chris Harvey Elections Director, Georgia Secretary of State

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From: Firefly <DoNotReply@sos.ga.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 9:57 AM

**To:** DoNotReply@sos.ga.gov

**Subject:** Voter Registration Reopened Only for Federal Elections

A new discussion has been posted in The Buzz by Harvey, Chris on 10/20/2017 9:24:26 AM

On October 13, 2017, U.S. District Court Judge Timothy C. Batten, Sr. issued an order that requires Georgia to re-open voter registration after election day and until 30 days before a runoff election in which any <u>federal candidates</u> are on the ballot.

We will be issuing an Official Election Update based on this order, but I wanted to make sure that everyone understood that this requirement to re-open voter registration between election day and the runoff ONLY applied to elections with <u>federal candidates</u> on the ballot (of which there are none during this election cycle.)

Again, we will put out a specific notice with information on this topic before it can happen.

If you have questions, please let me know.

Chris Harvey

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From: Harvey, Chris <wharvey@sos.ga.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 5:37 PM

**To:** Eveler, Janine **Subject:** RE: Cutoff Date

#### Janine,

We entered into a consent agreement in October, 2017, to reopen registration for all federal runoffs. I'll get an OEB out tomorrow with details and I've asked Holly to clarify the calendars.

#### Chris

From: Eveler, Janine [mailto:Janine.Eveler@cobbcounty.org]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 14, 2018 5:32 PM **To:** Harvey, Chris <wharvey@sos.ga.gov>

Subject: FW: Cutoff Date

#### Chris,

Am I correct here? I guess it wasn't very clear to the rest of the counties that this is an ongoing situation.

# Janine Eveler

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Register...then Vote!

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Subject: RE: Cutoff Date

I've been living this since last year. I looked back and this is the only election update that went out to everyone. In our Congressional 6 mess last year the State was sued and I guess the order still stands for all future elections. If it's a federal runoff we open registration back up.

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Uhh...no....I am in the dark too. Yikes!

Veronica

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Ok, guys, am I the only one who didn't know this?

June 25, 2018

Last day for a person to register and be eligible to vote in the General Primary Runoff for Federal Races.



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#### Subject:

New OEB regarding voter registration for federal runoff elections

There is a new Official Election Bulletin (OEB) on Firefly in the "Official Communications" section, "2018 OEBs."

This OEB is an update to the fact that there is now permanent consent order that requires that voter registration must be re-opened between federal elections and federal runoff elections in counties where federal runoffs are required.

Please review the OEB, and let our office know if you have questions.

We will give necessary details to any counties if they end up having to conduct a federal runoff election.

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If you are unsure about these directions, please contact your liaison.

As a reminder, the new voter registration deadline of June 25, 2018, applies only to federal runoff elections. This deadline only applies in counties with federal runoffs on the ballot. In all other counties except for Cobb, DeKalb, Forsyth, Fulton, and Gwinnett, a voter who registered after the April 24, 2018, state voter registration deadline will have to wait until the November general election to vote.

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new OEB on Felon Process in GVRS



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There is a new OEB on a refinement to the felon process that will be active in the next few days.

The OEB may be found under Official Communications>Official Election Bulletins>2018 OEBs.

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Thanks to everyone for executing such a smooth runoff election yesterday.

As a reminder, <u>please do not transfer voters until the December 4<sup>th</sup> runoff election is certified</u>. Transferring voters may interfere with provisional ballot research and credit for voting for the December 4<sup>th</sup> runoff.

However, there is a special primary election in House District 14 (Floyd and Bartow Counties) set for December 18<sup>th</sup>. In order to prepare the Election Day ExpressPoll files for this special primary election, Floyd and Bartow Counties need to start transferring voters into their respective counties today. If you have questions about provisional research or credit for voting for a voter transferred to Floyd or Bartow Counties, please contact your liaison.

We will also be posting information about the Ballot Run today or tomorrow, but you can "save the date" for Tuesday, December 11, 2018 for the Ballot Run.

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**Subject:** New OEB on Citizenship DDS Override in ENET

## A new discussion has

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There is a new OEB on Firefly under Official Communications>2019 OEBs regarding an update to ENET for making sure that citizenship documentation is preserved when entered into ENET.

Please familiarize your staff with the process and ask you liaison if you are unclear about the process.

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New OEB out on Firefly

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Subject:

I posted a new OEB on Firefly yesterday afternoon regarding ENET changes for recording citizenship documentation for voter registration. You can review it on Firefly under Official Communications>2019 OEBs.

If you have any questions, please contact your liaison.

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From: DoNotReply@sos.ga.gov Wednesday, February 20, 2019 10:32 AM Sent: DoNotReply@sos.ga.gov To: Voter Registration Closed for Special Elections **Subject:** A new discussion has been posted in The Buzz by Harvey, Chris on 2/20/2019 10:23 AM The following counties are having SPECIAL ELECTIONS on March 19, 2019. If you have transfers with contact dates on or before February 19, 2019, those should still be processed, but anything after February 19, 2019 should NOT be transferred. If you have questions, please check with your liaison. Baldwin Barrow **Bleckley** Camden Carroll - City of Villa Rica Catoosa Charlton Chattooga Cherokee Clayton Columbia Cook - City of Adel Dade - City of Trenton



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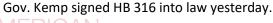
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**Subject:** HB 316 is now law





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I just posted a new OEB on Firefly detailed two processes that need to change in ENET based upon the change in the law. Please review the OEB and know that once ENET is updated to accommodate these procedures, we will provide detailed instructions and information.

See the OEB under Official Communications>Official Election Bulletins>2019 OEBs

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**Subject:** HB 316 Has Been Signed by Gov. Kemp

## A new discussion has

been posted in The Buzz by Harvey, Chris on 4/3/2019 4:35 PM

HB 316 is now law.

I have placed a new OEB that specifies changes in ENET to the Felon Cancellation Process and the Pending Verification Voters processes that have to change in ENET.

The most immediate takeaway is the all felons whose voter registrations are being cancelled must be given 30 days notice BEFORE their voter registration is cancelled. ENET will change for this, and our office will provide detailed, specific training sessions once ENET is amended.

**Chris Harvey** 

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#### A new discussion has

been posted in The Buzz by Harvey, Chris on 4/15/2019 4:07 PM

The Office of the Secretary of State will begin the National Change of Address (NCOA) list maintenance process over the next two weeks.

Before this process begins, every county registrar should log into ElectioNet, navigate to Activities > Maintain County

Data > Maintain County Office Data, and confirm that the address in the Mailing Address section is the correct mailing address for your county.

If the address needs to be updated, be sure to make these changes **before Thursday**, **April 18**, **2019** to ensure the correct mailing address is printed on all confirmation notices.

Once you have confirmed your address, please send an email to your Liaison indicating that you have confirmed your mailing address. If we have not received this confirmation email from all counties by Thursday, April 18, 2019, we will reach out to the county registrar individually.

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**Subject:** New OEB for Municipal Street Files

A new discussion has

been posted in The Buzz by Harvey, Chris on 5/7/2019 11:47 AM

There is a new OEB on municipal street files under Official Communications>2019 OEBs.

The OEB gives instructions to county election officials/registrars and municipal election officials regarding requirements under O.C.G.A. 21-2-2-226(c)

It shall be the duty of each incorporated municipality located wholly or partially within the boundaries of a county to provide a detailed map showing the municipal boundaries, municipal precinct boundaries, and voting district boundaries to the county board of registrars no later than January 1, 1995, and within 15 days of any changes in such municipal boundaries, precinct boundaries, or voting district boundaries. Upon receiving any changes in municipal boundaries, the county board of registrars shall provide to the municipality a list of all voters affected by such changes with the street addresses of such electors for the purpose of verifying the changes with the municipality. Upon receiving the list of electors affected by changes in municipal boundaries, the municipality shall immediately review the information provided by the county registrars and advise the county registrars of any discrepancies.

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**Subject:** Counties with Special Elections on June 18, 2019

## A new discussion has

been posted in The Buzz by Harvey, Chris on 5/21/2019 3:11 PM

The following counties are having special elections on June 18, 2019.

The registration deadline to register to vote in these elections was yesterday (May 20, 2019.)

Do not transfer voters from these counties if they have a registration date earlier than May 20, 2019.

#### **Chris Harvey**

## **Secretary of State's Office**

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Harvey, Chris **Subject:** New OEB on NCOA on Firefly



There is an OEB on the NCOA mailings on Firefly under "Official Communications." All NCOA mailings should be completed by Monday, June 19, 2019, but they can be mailed out now. If you have questions, contact your liaison.

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The email I just sent **incorrectly** listed June 19<sup>th</sup> as the deadline to mail the NCOA notices. The deadline (and correctly listed in the OEB) is **Monday**, **June 10**, **2019**.

I apologize for my error.

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#### A new discussion has

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All,

An OEB instructing each county to mail their National Change of Address (NCOA) notices by Monday, June 10, 2019 is posted on Firefly under Official Communications. You can start mailing them now, but the process should be completed by Monday, June 10, 2019.

The OEB contains additional training and informational resources on the NCOA process.

Check with your county liaison if you have questions.

**Chris Harvey** 

Secretary of State's Office

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### **Welcome Back!**

I hope everyone had a peaceful and restorative Holiday Season and is ready to dive back into the wonderful world of elections!

### **Voter Registrations on Dashboards**

After the flood of voter registration applications in the lead up to the election last year, we are currently looking at approximately 240,000 pending voter registration applications on dashboards across the state. With the likelihood of special elections as appointments and resignations occur, we don't want to see anyone get caught flat-footed with a mountain of pending voter registration applications.

### **List Maintenance is a Priority for 2017**

We are currently finalizing plans for regular list maintenance programs that will be happening in the first six months of this year. We will give specific details and dates as these events draw near, but here is a preview of what we plan to do. Each step builds on the previous one and is designed to minimize the cost and effort in mailings as much as possible.

- 1. Run the Duplicates Program in ENET to allow everyone to clean up their duplicates
- 2. Run NCOA (O.C.G.A. § 21-2-233)
- 3. Run No Contact (O.C.G.A. § 21-2-234)

### **Notification of Out of State Registration**

For 2017, we are returning to the practice of forwarding notices of "Out of State Registrations" directly to each county registrar. For example, when we get a list of 10 people who have registered to vote in North Carolina, we will identify the counties these 10 people are registered in and send each of those counties a copy of the notice so the registrars can perform appropriate updates to their status.

### **No Activity in Two General Elections Update**

I know there is interest in the scheduling of the "NOACT/2GE" process. Due to current litigation, we do not have an update or timeline for this process. I will let you know when anything changes.





## **Duplicate Voters in ENET**

Tonight, the duplicate process will be turned back on in ElectioNet. The process has been turned off for some time, so we wanted to send a brief reminder about how this process works.

The duplicate process will scan the voter file in each county for potential duplicate records using 4 separate search criteria. All records found that meet this criteria will be placed on the county dashboard for you to review tomorrow morning. Please review these matches carefully to ensure that they are indeed true matches before merging any records.

<u>Identification</u> by this process does not *quarantee* that all of the results will be true matches.

This process simply indicates that the search criteria was met. Only combine 2 records if you are confident that they both represent the same voter. Data entry errors could make two completely different voters appear to be the same voter.

Please be extra careful when processing duplicate records that would result in transferring a voter from another county to your county. We encourage you to reach out to your peers to notify them that you will be transferring a voter from their county and to ensure that the two records are for the same voter. All merges can be undone, but double checking before designating two records as duplicates will help minimize errors.

If you have any questions concerning the duplicate process or encounter any issues while reviewing these matches, please contact your Liaison. If no issues are discovered, this process will run once a month going forward.





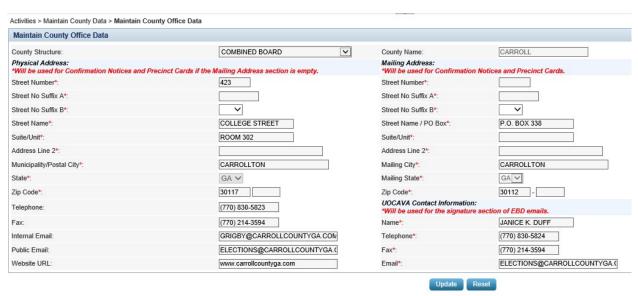
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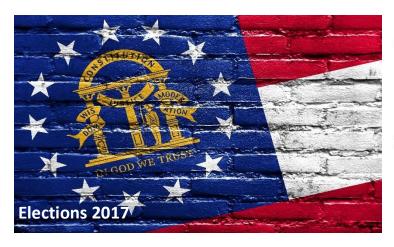
To prepare for the upcoming National Change of Address list maintenance process, the Secretary of State's Office would like to ask each county office to examine the contact information in eNet under Activities > Maintain County Data > Maintain County Office Data.

### This is the return address information which will be printed on your confirmation notices.

The system defaults to print the mailing address section from this page. If the mailing address section is empty, the system will print the physical address information on the confirmation notices. The telephone number on the front of the confirmation notice will also come from the "Telephone" field on this page.

Please take a minute to check this information and update anything that has changed as soon as possible.







## Pending Voters Run Through Verification and New Letters are Available

As I notified everyone in the OEB on 02-23-2017 about the need to run some pending voters through verification again and to update our letters, I am letting you know that this process happened overnight.

The applicants who again failed to verify with DDS are on your dashboards, and the *new* letters will be generated as you work through the dashboard. These new letters were required as part of the lawsuit. It may take a few days for responses to be returned from SSA and appear on your dashboard.

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## **NCOA Update and Questions**

Our office has received a number of calls this week concerning the NCOA Confirmation Notice process. As you know, Federal law prevents list maintenance from taking place 90 days prior to a Federal Election. The 2017 NCOA process was interrupted by the Federal Special Election for United States Representative of District 6. This caused the time period between when the comparison process was run with the US Postal Service and when the NCOA confirmation notices were mailed to voters to be greater than normal.

The number of records that could have been updated since the confirmation notices were generated is higher than normal. A guide outlining how to process the NCOA notices has been posted on Firefly under Official Communications > NCOA 2017 > NCOA Confirmation Notices. This guide offers step by step instructions on what to do in a number of different scenarios. Additional questions have come up that are not covered in this guide, and we have provided answers to them below:

**Question**: What will happen to a voter record if the confirmation notice is not returned, but the voter has updated their address with your office through another method (DDS Application, OLVR, or Physical Application)? Will they still be moved into inactive status if they do not respond to the confirmation notice?

**Answer**: No, they will remain in Active status. Any updates to their record submitted by the voter between the time that the NCOA process has begun and the expiration of the 40 day clock will prevent the system process that moves voters from Active to Inactive status. Any record with a contact date greater than 3/2/17 will not be affected by the NCOA process. The 40 clock started on 6/30/17 and will expire 8/9/17.

**Question**: What if I receive an NCOA notice back from the post office and it is marked undeliverable but the voter has updated the address on their voter registration in the time between when the confirmation notice was generated and when they were mailed?

Answer: Any confirmation notice that is entered into eNet under Activities > Elector List Maintenance > Scan Confirmation Notices with the "Returned Undeliverable" designation will instantly be moved into Inactive status with the reason of Returned Mail. There will not be an automatic check to ensure that this voter has not made contact with your office in the period between when the process was started and the time you receive this confirmation notices. For this reason, it is considered a best practice to review all confirmation notice that come back to your office with a designation indicating that they were undeliverable. If they have changed their address with your office in the time between when the confirmation notices were generated and the time you received the confirmation notice back undeliverable, you should not enter them as returned mail. No further action on their record will be required.

Please take extra care when processing notices that are returned undeliverable to your office.





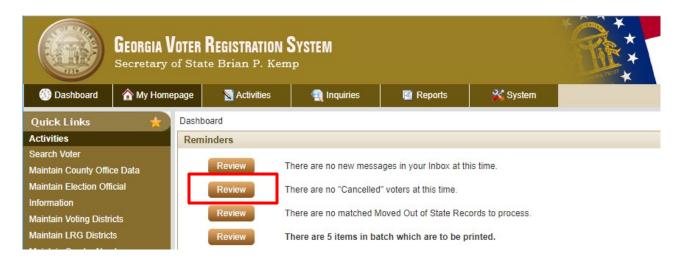
# **No Activity for 2 General Elections**

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-235, the No Activity for 2 General Elections process was run in ENET on Friday, July 28, 2017.

These records are available on your dashboards today.

Instructions for viewing a list of voters in your county whose status was updated to "Cancelled" as a result of this process are below.

- To view the list of voters who were cancelled for reason of "NGE," navigate to the dashboard in eNet.
- Click on the "Review" button next to Cancelled Voters



• Click on the "Review" button next to Cancelled/Duplicate, Rejected Voters



• Select a 'start date' **AND** 'end date' of July 28, 2017 which is the day the NGE process ran and click on "Get Cancelled Voters."

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• A list of **ALL** voters cancelled for the reason "**No Activity For 2 General Elections**" will appear.

Cancelled Date	Status with Reason	
07/17/2017	CANCELLED NO ACTIVITY FOR 2 GENERAL ELECTION CYCLES	
07/17/2017	CANCELLED NO ACTIVITY FOR 2 GENERAL ELECTION CYCLES	
07/17/2017	CANCELLED NO ACTIVITY FOR 2 GENERAL ELECTION CYCLES	
07/17/2017	CANCELLED NO ACTIVITY FOR 2 GENERAL ELECTION CYCLES	
07/17/2017	CANCELLED NO ACTIVITY FOR 2 GENERAL ELECTION CYCLES	
	CANCELLED	

• In order to print the list of cancelled voters for the reason No Activity for 2 General Elections, click "Export to Excel" located at the bottom to export the data to an excel file and print out the information.



As provided in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-236(c), All records concerning list maintenance activities under Code Sections 21-2-233 and 21-2-234 shall be maintained for a period of two years and shall be available for public inspection and copying, except to the extent that such records relate to a declination to register to vote or to the identity of a voter registration agency through which any particular elector is registered. Such records shall contain the name and address of all electors to whom confirmation notices are sent and information concerning whether each such elector has responded to such notice. Move the voter registration cards of the voters cancelled for NGE to your cancelled files and retain for 2 years. Any further questions feel free to call your Liaison.





## **Transferring Voters**

## **Counties NOT Having Elections in November 2017**

Normally, I list the counties involved in Special Elections for the purpose of know which counties NOT to transfer voters from.

However, this November, the vast majority of counties DO have elections within their counties, so it is more efficient to list the counties NOT having elections in order to let you know from where you CAN transfer voters.

The following counties DO NOT have elections occurring in November, and therefore, voters may be transferred from them.

Please keep in mind that contact dates prior to the registration deadline (October 10, 2017) may still be processed.

We will let you know when credit for voting has been given and what jurisdictions end up with runoff elections.

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Lee Muscogee Miller

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## **HB 268 Rollout Election Update**

Over the past year, the SOS office has designed and tested the updates to ElectioNet required to comply with the legal changes to the voter registration and verification processes passed by the legislature in House Bill 268. The SOS plans to move these changes from the test environment to the live version of the ElectioNet over the weekend of February 17-18, 2018.

The changes to the registration and verification process were outlined in a presentation given by John Hallman at the 2017 VRAG conference. This presentation can be found on Firefly under GEOA-VRAG > 2017 VRAG > "1.J - Monday - Dashboard and Verification - John Hallman." John will also be conducting two webinars on Friday, February 16, 2018 to outline these changes again and discuss the implementation. Links to access these webinars will be distributed via the Buzz and your Liaison. The presentation will be posted to Firefly for those of you unable to attend the webinar.

Immediate action will be required by the county registrars on Monday, February 19, 2018 in order to ensure that the new versions of the system generated letters will contain the correct contact information. One person from each county will need to navigate to System > Maintain Letters to update this information. It cannot be updated until after the changes have been applied over the weekend. A notification and additional instructions will be provided on Monday, February 19, 2018.

We would like to thank the 47 county election officials volunteered to help with the testing of these system changes. Your feedback was critical to the process, and we hope to get additional feedback from the county election officials throughout the rollout process.





## **March 20th Special Election Voter Registration Deadline**

County Election Officials, today is the voter registration deadline for the March 20<sup>th</sup> Special Election. Please be reminded that voters should not be transferred from counties involved in the special elections taking place next month. If a voter submitted their change of information voter registration application *prior to* the deadline, then those applications can be processed. Any transfer applications involving these counties dated after the February 20, 2018 VR deadline, should not be processed until *after* the March 20, 2018 Special Election.

Listed below are the counties having special elections on March 20th:

- Ben Hill
- Carroll
- Cherokee Municipal
- Colquitt
- Dawson
- Jackson
- Meriwether Municipal
- Richmond
- Spalding
- Warren Municipal
- Washington

As always, if you have any questions, please contact your county Liaison.





## MIDR Change in ENET

As part of the updates to the voter registration and verification process, we have changed the way that the Missing Identification Required (MIDR) voters are handled in ElectioNet. If an application is submitted without the identification required under 21-2-220 (c), the voter should be entered in the system as an MIDR voter.

However, if that record passes the verification process, this MIDR flag will be removed from the voter's record and the voter will be considered to have provided the identification required under 21-2-220. ID Required letters will not be generated by the system for a voter that passes verification, and they will show as NO under the ID Required fields in eNet and on elector lists.

This change will bring the processing of paper applications in line with the applications that are received from DDS and OLVR. Passing the verification process satisfies the requirement to provide identification under 21-2-220(c)(1). The applicants are not required to provide identification after the information provided has been matched with a state data base.

Additionally, all of the records in eNet that have ever passed the verification process and retained the MIDR status have been updated to have this flag removed. An entry has been added to their audit history to indicate that they were updated. If you would like a list of the records from your county that were updated, please contact John Hallman via email at jhallman@sos.ga.gov.



February 15, 2017

**TO:** County Election Officials and County Registrars

FROM: Chris Harvey, Elections Division Director

**RE:** Kansas Cross-Check Inquiries Coming to the Counties

Since 2013, Georgia has participated as a member of a voter registration cross-check program known as "The Kansas Cross-Check." The goal of this program was to identify voters who might be registered to vote in more than one state and improve the accuracy of voter lists of those states participating in the program. One of the ways of achieving this end is to compare names of people who might be registered in more than one state. As you are aware, there is no single centralized voter registration system that automatically removes a voter from Georgia if they move unannounced to Florida and then register there, or vice-versa.

With large database comparisons, the differences are in the details, and "matches" must be verified and confirmed responsibly and legally before removing a voter from the elector's list.

In the past, Georgia has supplied its voter list to the program and let other states use the data to examine their lists. Now, Georgia is taking a more active role in this process. Going forward, County election/registration office contact information will be provided to out-of-state election officials who are requesting additional voter information on a specific voter believed to be registered in Georgia.

### **What This Means for the Counties**

States have previously requested information from our office that we are simply unable to provide (signatures on absentee ballot application, voter registration applications, other correspondence, etc.) You may get requests from other states for voter information including the information mentioned above. Your response to these inquires is to be made at your discretion. It is our stance that original voter registration applications are not subject to disclosure under the restrictions of O.C.G.A. § 21-2-225(a). I urge you to use secure means to transmit any Personal Identifying Information (PII) if you do respond to these inquires.



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### What this Doesn't Mean for the Counties

Notifications from another state that they might have a matching voter registration alone is NOT sufficient grounds to remove a voter from the elector list in Georgia. For example, if a person registered in Florida in 2000, and then moved to Georgia and registered to vote in DeKalb County in 2003, and has stayed properly registered in DeKalb County, the fact that the person was never removed from the electors list in Florida is NOT reason to now remove the person from DeKalb County registration even though Florida indicates that there might be a match. Because the Georgia registration came after the Florida registration, Florida may determine that they need to take action with the voter, but that is their prerogative.

If, on the other hand, Gwinnett County gets notice (and confirms!) that one of their voters has registered in Florida two years after they last registered in Gwinnett County, Gwinnett County may decide to hold a hearing or attempt to contact the voter to determine if they are still a Gwinnett County voter. Gwinnett County would still have the responsibility to make sure it met all requirements before removing a voter from the electors list. All of these decisions are still the responsibility of the county in determining whether a voter is still eligible to remain on the list of electors.

If you have questions about inquiries from other states or sources, feel free to contact our office for any clarification we can provide.





February 23, 2017

**TO:** County Election Officials and County Registrars

FROM: Chris Harvey, Elections Division Director

**RE:** Updated Pending Voters Action

#### **Update to Pending Voter Registration Processing**

A lawsuit has ended regarding the issue of the handling of voter registration applications that fail to verify with Division of Driver Services (DDS) and Social Security Administration (SSA). Prior to the lawsuit, when a voter registration failed to verify with DDS/SSA, a letter was generated by ENET and mailed to the applicant. If the applicant did not respond to the letter within 40 days, the application was rejected and the voter registration status in ENET was changed to cancelled.

Going forward, as required under the lawsuit, voter registration applications that fail verification will remain in pending status without a time limit. We have updated the failed verification letters generated in ENET to reflect these changes. Please make sure failed verification letters sent to voter applicants are substantively the same as the letter generated in ENET.

A voter in "pending" status can immediately update their status to "active" by providing appropriate verification documentation at your office or at any polling place.

Also pursuant to the lawsuit, we are sending two groups of voter registration applications back through the verification process so that they can be sent the updated failed verification letter. The first group are voter registrations in cancelled status since October 1, 2013 that were cancelled for failing to verify with DDS/SSA. This group is estimated to be about 4,000 voter registrations.

The second group are voter registrations that were already in pending status when the 40 day clock was stopped at the end of September 2016, and who were sent the old failed verification letter. That group is estimated to be about 11,000 voter registrations.

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These registrations will be sent back through the verification process later this week, and only those that fail to verify will appear on your dashboards to be timely processed and mailed failed verification letters.

Finally, going forward, please mail failed verification letters within seven (7) business days of the registration application being processed.

I appreciate your cooperation with this updated procedure.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions.



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June 28, 2017

**TO:** County Election Officials and County Registrars

FROM: Chris Harvey, Elections Division Director

**RE:** Felon Reporting Changes

Information concerning Probationers and Parolees serving felony sentences, and who are thus ineligible to register to vote or to cast a vote, was recently transferred from the Department of Corrections (DOC) to the Department of Community Supervision (DCS).

Because of this transfer of responsibility, we have had to establish a relationship with this new agency to continue to receive data concerning these individuals. The Secretary of State's office is taking this opportunity to pursue the dual goals of improving the felon identification process and increasing the protection of voter data.

In pursuit of these goals, we have updated the comparison criteria, added new comparison criteria, and scaled back the use of Social Security Number (SSN) to only the last four digits.

This morning you should see a set of potential matches on your dashboard using this updated match process. Please let us know if you notice any irregularities or have any questions.

If you have questions about inquiries from other states or sources, feel free to contact our office for any clarification we can provide.





August 18, 2017

**TO:** County Election Officials and County Registrars

FROM: Chris Harvey, Elections Division Director

**RE:** NCOA Changes in ENET

The National Change of Address (NCOA) comparison process, which is governed by O.C.G.A. § 21-2-233, was completed last month. Our office has recently implemented some changes that impacted a portion of the voter registration records that were sent NCOA notices.

Voters whose United States Postal Service NCOA information indicated that they changed addresses within the same county have been set to "Active" status, including those records that had their status initially changed to "Inactive" by virtue of your office receiving the NCOA notice back as undeliverable and processing the returned mail. However, if these voters responded to the NCOA notice with updated information such as address updates, name changes, transfers, etc., then all of those changes entered by your office into ENET will remain.

Voters whose USPS NCOA information indicated that they moved to a different county or state and were sent a confirmation notice have not been affected by these changes.





August 18, 2017

**TO:** County Election Officials and County Registrars

FROM: Chris Harvey, Elections Division Director

**RE:** NVRA and Change of Residency Challenges

The National Voting Registration Act (52 U.S.C. § 20507(d)) limits when a jurisdiction can remove an elector from the voter rolls due to moving outside of the jurisdiction or due to a change of address. The statute prohibits removal unless:

- 1. There is written confirmation of the change in residency by the elector; or
- 2. The NVRA Confirmation Notice Process (NOACT2GE), described in 52 U.S.C. § 20507(d)(2), is followed.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-228 allows county boards of registration to conduct hearings in order to determine the qualification of electors. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-229 allows electors of the county or municipality to challenge, in writing, the qualifications of any elector who appears on the list of electors. These challenge hearings for qualifications cannot, however, result in a voter being *removed from the list of electors* for any change of address. The NVRA does not prohibit removing an elector from the list of electors for other disqualifications such as citizenship, felony sentence, judicially declared mental incompetence, or insufficient age.

Options for Counties with Knowledge of a Change of Address: If a county has reason to believe a person has changed their address and hasn't updated their voter registration record, it is reasonable for the county to mail the elector a letter at their registered address to let the elector know that the county believes the elector may have moved and for the elector to provide a current address. Usually, the more specific you can be in the letter the better. There can be no consequence if the elector does not respond to the letter as none is provided by law. If the elector completes and returns the letter with a new address, the county now has written confirmation of a change in residency that it can act upon consistent with NVRA. However, if the letter is returned undeliverable, this would begin the "returned mail" list maintenance process and a confirmation notice would be issued to the elector. Because state law specifies instances when confirmation notices are to be sent, a county should not send a confirmation notice outside of the instances in state law (Returned Mail, NCOA, No Contact). Further, there is no current mechanism in eNet for a county to cause a confirmation notice to be printed by the print vendor outside





of those 3 list maintenance processes. If the elector then fails to respond to the confirmation notice as required by law, the elector's status will then become "Inactive."

#### **National Voter Registration Act Citation**

52 U.S.C. § 20507(d) Removal of names from voting rolls.

- (1) A State shall not remove the name of a registrant from the official list of eligible voters in elections for Federal office on the ground that the registrant has changed residence unless the registrant--
  - (A) confirms in writing that the registrant has changed residence to a place outside the registrar's jurisdiction in which the registrant is registered; or
  - (B) (i) has failed to respond to a notice described in paragraph (2); and
  - (ii) has not voted or appeared to vote (and, if necessary, correct the registrar's record of the registrant's address) in an election during the period beginning on the date of the notice and ending on the day after the date of the second general election for Federal office that occurs after the date of the notice.

I encourage you to review this information with your boards and county attorneys and to make sure that any cancellation of voters from the electors lists, or change in status to inactive, is done in compliance with this federal law. I also encourage you to share this information with any municipalities within your county as they prepare for municipal elections in November.





February 7, 2018

**TO:** County Election Officials and County Registrars

FROM: Chris Harvey, Elections Division Director

**RE:** NCOA Changes for Within-County Moves

Due to a recent court case, we have decided to make changes to the list maintenance processes with regard to change-of-address information received from the U.S. Postal Service's National Change of Address database (NCOA) for voters that moved **within the county**. These changes are consistent with the process laid out in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-233(b) for voters that move within their county.

We will be working to improve the NCOA process so that by 2019, there will be an easier way to process NCOA information received regarding voters moving within the county. In the meantime, we need to update certain addresses of "within-county" movers from the 2017 NCOA list maintenance process.

#### This must be completed by February 20, 2018, at the latest.

Your liaison will email you an excel spreadsheet with the voter registration numbers and the USPS NCOA addresses that need to replace the existing residence addresses of "within-county" movers. The email will have specific instructions on how to accomplish this.

We appreciate your prompt attention in implementing this solution.





#### OFFICIAL ELECTION INFORMATION

March 16, 2018

**TO:** County Registrars, Election Directors, and Combined Boards of Elections and

Registration

**FROM:** Chris Harvey, Director of Elections

**RE:** Voter Registration Deadline Changed for Federal Runoffs Only

On October 13, 2017, Judge Timothy C. Batten, Sr. signed a federal consent order in which the Secretary of State's Office agreed to re-open voter registration for runoff elections in federal elections only.

#### The order states:

"The voter-registration deadline for all elections for federal office, including all run-off elections, shall be the close of business on the thirtieth day prior to the election, or the time otherwise prescribed by state, whichever is less. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-14 and § 21-2-224(a), if such deadline should fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the voter registration deadline shall be the close of business on the following business day."

In the event that a federal runoff is required, voter registration would re-open immediately after a federal election in those counties conducting a federal runoff, and would close thirty days before the federal runoff election. Voters who registered to vote during this time between the federal election and the federal runoff would only be eligible to vote in the immediate federal runoff election (not in state, county, or local runoff elections happening at the same time) but, after the federal runoff, would be fully eligible to vote in all future elections.

This order is permanent unless or until state law is passed that conforms to this standard.

We are prepared to meet the technical challenges should a county face a federal runoff election this year. However, one of the best things each county can do in anticipation of this possibility is to keep their backlog of voter registration applications as low as possible heading into the election and possible runoff.

This year, the voter registration deadline for federal runoff elections only are:

June 25, 2018 is the voter registration deadline for the Primary Federal Runoff on July 24, 2018 (if necessary.)

December 10, 2018 is the voter registration deadline for the Federal General Election Runoff on January 8, 2019 (if necessary.)

The Secretary of State's Office will coordinate details and further instructions for ENET, absentee voting, and Election Day voting for any counties that find themselves facing a federal runoff in the primary or general election.

A complete copy of Judge Batten's order is posted on Firefly with this document under "Official Communications."





June 5, 2018

**TO:** County Election Officials and County Registrars

FROM: Chris Harvey, Elections Division Director

**RE:** Update to Felon Process in GVRS

The Department of Corrections sends reports to the Secretary of State's office for people serving felony sentences in custody. As reported last year, the Department of Community Supervision now sends separate felon lists for people serving felony sentences on probation and parole. This recent change is a result of broader legislative efforts spearheaded by Governor Nathan Deal for criminal justice reform in Georgia.

With this new change in effect, the Secretary of State's office found that the Department of Community Supervision's data included individuals with special statuses of First Offender, *Nolo Contendere*, and Conditional Discharge. People with statuses for First Offender, *Nolo Contendere*, and Conditional Discharge are eligible to register to vote and cast a ballot.

We have worked diligently with the Department of Community Supervision and the Georgia Crime Information Center to refine the transmission of their data to reflect the appropriate parameters and exclude individuals under special sentencing status. Going forward, you should no longer see any person under one of these special statuses on your GVRS dashboard when our office receives the data and forwards it to you for processing.

You will see an increase in volume on your dashboards as we resume this data transmission. You should continue to process all felon notices in accordance with standard procedures.





October 12, 2018

**TO:** County Election Officials and County Registrars

FROM: Chris Harvey, Elections Division Director

**RE:** Processing Voter Registration Applications after the VR Deadline

#### **Voter Registration Deadline**

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224, Tuesday, October 9, 2018 was the voter registration deadline for the November 6, 2018 Election(s). If mail-in VR Applications (Site Codes 2, 9, and 14) do not have a legible postmark, then the Secretary of State's date stamp should be used to determine if the voter should be added or updated for the November 6, 2018 Election(s). O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224(c) provides that the Secretary of State's date stamp on the application must be no later than Friday, October 12, 2018 for the individual to be eligible to vote in the November 6, 2018 Election(s). If you receive a new mail application that meets these postmark requirements, then enter the voter registration deadline of October 9, 2018 as the voter's registration date into eNet.

The voter registration date for applications from site codes 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, and 13 are based on the date written next to the voter's signature.

#### **New Voter Registration Applications**

Although the October 9, 2018 deadline has passed, counties will still be able to add new voter registration applications into eNet. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224, such applications will still be subject to the October 9, 2018 registration deadline, and voters who applied to register to vote after the October 9, 2018 deadline will not be eligible to vote in the November 6, 2018 Election(s).

New voters added during the period between the day after the registration cut-off date and Election Day or until after any subsequent run-off date will be visible within all modules in eNet.

THIS IS IMPORTANT: Because all new applicants (including those who register after the registration deadline) will appear in eNet, counties must double-check the registration date of each voter before allowing the voter to cast a ballot during the absentee/advance voting period.

#### **Changes to Voter Address Information Within the County**

Counties should not enter within-county address changes to voter information postmarked during the period between the day after the registration cut-off date and Election Day. Therefore, voter registration applications for within-county address changes postmarked after October 9, 2018

should not be entered until Wednesday, November 7, 2018 (if no runoff) or after any subsequent run-off date.

#### **County-to-County Transfers**

- 1. For county-to-county transfers of voters before the registration cut-off date, the process has not changed. Counties may transfer voters before a registration cut-off date for an election without issue.
- 2. Counties should not process county-to-county transfers postmarked after the registration cut-off date until after certification. Therefore, voter registration applications for county-to-county transfers postmarked after October 9, 2018 should not be entered until the county level certification, Monday after the election. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in voters not appearing on the electors list or ExpressPoll when they should.
- **3.** Please be aware that the Secretary of State's My Voter Page (MVP) will show the voter's polling place for state & county elections as the most recent precinct entered into eNet.

### **Changes to Voter Information Other Than Address Change**

Counties may not enter changes to voter information after the registration cut-off date except to update voters who are providing additional information as required in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-220(d).

#### **Voter List Maintenance**

Counties may continue to conduct specific individualized voter list maintenance efforts to ensure that ineligible voters are removed from the electors list in a timely manner. County list maintenance should be conducted as frequently as is practicable to ensure that ineligible individuals do not remain on the electors list.

As you continue list maintenance processes leading up to the election, please keep in mind the limitations on list maintenance activities established under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA). Specifically, NVRA provides that any program to systematically remove the names of ineligible voters from the official list of electors must be completed no later than ninety (90) days prior to the date of a primary or general election for federal office.

Removal of ineligible voters for the following reasons is not subject to the 90-day limitation:

- 1. at the request of the registrant;
- 2. the felony conviction or judicial determination of mental incompetency of the registrant;
- 3. the death of the registrant;
- 4. correction of registration records pursuant to the NVRA; or
- 5. the verification process of determining the eligibility of a person applying to register to vote in accordance with any applicable court order and federal law.

Registrars can continue with their list maintenance activities, as long as they fall into one of the above categories as authorized by law. If you have any additional questions, please contact your



April 3, 2019

TO: County Election Officials and County Registrars

FROM: Chris Harvey, Elections Division Director

RE: Changes in Voter Registration System on HB 316 Becoming Law

HB 316, which became law yesterday, will make a number of significant changes to elections in Georgia. Over the next few weeks and at the joint conference, we will go over these changes with you. However, there are two procedures in ENET that will have to be changed immediately as a result of HB 316 becoming law.

#### 1. Felon Cancellations

HB 316 requires giving prior notice to a registered voter who is having their voter registration cancelled as a result of the voter serving a felony sentence. The Secretary of State's Office has temporarily put on pause the process of sending the list of persons serving felony sentences to your dashboards through ENET until we change the programming of the ENET database.

The new procedure we are creating will require the printing of a notification letter to go to the voter giving them 30 days to contest or correct the record before their voter registration is cancelled.

#### 2. <u>Pending Verification Process: Unverified Status Changing to Active MIDR</u>

HB 316 has voter registrations that would have previously been in an "Unverified" pending status (due to a lack of a match on certain data fields) now to go into "Active" status with an MIDR flag (ID Required: YES) on their voter registration. These voters will get precinct cards and will be able to vote upon showing HAVA ID (which will remove the MIDR from the registration status.) Until we are able to reprogram ENET to handle this change, these voter registrations will continue to initially go into "Unverified" pending status in ENET, however, we will convert their "Unverified" pending status to "Active MIDR" status manually until ENET is updated to accommodate this change in the law. It is important that all MIDR letters are mailed to voters so they are informed of the steps they need to take in order to remove the MIDR flag and have their vote counted.



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May 7, 2019

TO: County Election Officials and County Registrars

FROM: Chris Harvey, Elections Division Director

RE: Municipal Boundaries and Street Files

#### For Counties:

The Secretary of State's office reminds each county to send to all municipalities located within their jurisdiction, a municipal streets list to review in advance of the upcoming 2019 municipal elections. Every municipality has a streets list posted in a folder by county on Firefly under Downloads on the lower banner of Firefly, titled "Municipal Street List 2019". Please send to each municipality for review and mark any necessary changes. A Municipal Streets List Maintenance Checklist form should be sent as well. This form is located at the end of the streets list files in Firefly as well as under the Election Planner > Checklists, titled "Municipal Streets List Maintenance Checklist".

#### For Municipalities:

Each county registrar will send a streets list to every municipality in their jurisdiction. It is the municipalities' responsibility to review the list to ensure all streets are listed correctly. Please review for accuracy each item listed on the Maintenance Checklist. The review and return of the completed checklist with any necessary changes should be completed by June 28, 2019, to ensure sufficient time to make any changes prior to the review of the voter list.

#### O.C.G.A. § 21-2-226 (c)

(c) It shall be the duty of each incorporated municipality located wholly or partially within the boundaries of a county to provide a detailed map showing the municipal boundaries, municipal precinct boundaries, and voting district boundaries to the county board of registrars no later than January 1, 1995, and within 15 days of any changes in such municipal boundaries, precinct boundaries, or voting district boundaries. Upon receiving any changes in municipal boundaries, the county board of registrars shall provide to the municipality a list of all voters affected by such

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changes with the street addresses of such electors for the purpose of verifying the changes with the municipality. Upon receiving the list of electors affected by changes in municipal boundaries, the municipality shall immediately review the information provided by the county registrars and advise the county registrars of any discrepancies.





June 5, 2019

TO: **County Election Officials and County Registrars** 

FROM: **Chris Harvey, Elections Division Director** 

RE: National Change of Address (NCOA) Mailings

The Secretary of State's office has verified that all confirmation notices generated as part of the National Change of Address (NCOA) comparison process, were printed by the print vendor and delivered to the county offices.

#### Please mail the NCOA confirmation notices no later than Monday, June 10, 2019.

If you are unable to meet this mail deadline, please contact your Liaison.

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Once you have mailed the NCOA confirmation notices for your county, be prepared to receive confirmation notices back and process them in a timely manner.

Detailed instructions on how to process returned NCOA notices can be found on Firefly under Training > NCOA - NOACT2GE > NCOA. In this location you will find:

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- A guide titled "NCOA Confirmation Notices 2019"
- A PowerPoint presentation titled "NCOA 2019 Presentation 05.22.2019"
- A recorded webinar titled "NCOA 2019 Presentation".

